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## Aaron Wayne Otto Travel Report

### 70th Annual Convention & Marketplace

#### Day 1

Sunday, October 13

Arrived in Tulsa.

#### Day 2

Monday, October 14

I arrived late but attended the Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering. There was an interesting mix of faiths represented.

I attended the First General Assembly.

(See NCAI 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Schedule for details attached)

I attended the Second General Assembly.

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Things of Note: **Ending the Era of Racist "Indian" Mascots.**

I attended *Sliver of a Full Moon* play reading. The play is an artful story about the process of getting VAWA passed. It shows the hard work and lobbying that happened to get this passed.

#### Day 2

Tuesday, October 15

I arrived at the Area Caucus Meeting in the morning. We discussed the next area Vice President position and who might be interested in running for it. It was decided to deal with the election of the Area Vice President at the next caucus meeting.

I attended the Third General Assembly.

(See NCAI 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Schedule for details attached)

Things of Note: **Presentations By The All-star Honorees**

Youth Honoring Luncheon.

Concurrent Break Out Sessions.

I attended the **Renewable Energy and Tribal Nations** Break Out Session.

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#### Subcommittee Meetings.

I attended the Disabilities Meeting. When there I found out that it was actually the Elders and Disabilities Subcommittee. I attended the meeting thinking that it was a subcommittee that was centered around all disabilities and discussed my struggle with Dyslexia and would like to see more awareness and focus from "Indian Country" on learning disabilities.

I attended the United League of Indigenous Nations Event and watch a small video that will be attached to this report.

## Day 3

### Wednesday, October 16

I arrived at the Area Caucus Meeting in the morning. The elections for the Area Vice President and Aaron Payment won.

I attended the Fourth General Assembly.

(See NCAI 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Schedule for details attached)

Things of Note:

**1. Partnerships that Strengthen Tribal Economies**

**2. World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

- I would like to attend this in September of 2014

#### Concurrent Break Out Sessions.

I attended the **Intertribal Tax Initiative** Break Out Session.

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#### Subcommittee Meetings.

I attended the Education Subcommittee Meeting. We worked on Resolutions in support of better funding for native schools. I also discussed my struggle with Dyslexia and would like to see more awareness and focus from "Indian Country" on learning disabilities.

I attended the Cultural Night at the Tulsa Hard Rock Casino.

## Day 4

### Thursday, October 17

The Area Caucus was canceled after the election on Wednesday I was disappointed in this fact. I felt that we could work on something.

I attended the Fifth General Assembly.

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Things of Note: The elections were held and Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Tribal Community was named NCAI President.

Elder's Honoring Luncheon.

I attended the Sixth General Assembly.

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Gala Banquet.

## **Day 5**

**Friday, October 18**

I attended the Seventh General Assembly.

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Conference adjourned at 12:00 noon.

## **Attached Documents**

NCAI 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Schedule

All Resolutions that were passed at the Conference.

NARF's Tribal Supreme Court Project Update

Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee Report

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